

**RESOLUTION NO. 360**

**AUTHORIZING PRESCHOOL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AGES 3-5**

Introduced: 9/11/23

By Social Services Committee and Miller:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to New York State Education Law, Albany County is required to provide an approved preschool special education program for children ages 3 - 5 years old who have been evaluated and determined by the Board of Education to have a disabling condition, and

WHEREAS, As of November 2017, the law was amended to establish that all school districts are approved evaluators of preschool students suspected of having a disability, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into agreements with the School Districts listed below for the provision of preschool evaluation services for children with special needs at the applicable rates established or approved by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), where Albany County is reimbursed 59.5% for costs incurred in the delivery of these services after backing out Medicaid reimbursement, for a term commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with the School Districts listed below for the provision of preschool evaluation services for children with special needs at the applicable rates established or approved by the NYSED, where Albany County is reimbursed 59.5% for costs incurred in the delivery of these services after backing out Medicaid reimbursement, for a term commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024:

Albany City Schools  
Berne-Knox-Westerlo  
Bethlehem  
Cairo-Durham  
Cohoes  
Duanesburg  
Green Island  
Greenville  
Guilderland  
Menands

Middleburgh  
Mohonasen  
Niskayuna  
North Colonie  
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk  
Schalmont  
Schoharie  
South Colonie  
Voorheesville  
Watervliet

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.